

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 1-26, of which claim 1 is independent. Claims 27-30 have been cancelled without prejudice or waiver of their subject matter. No claims have been added.

In view of the submission of the attached Terminal Disclaimer and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-26 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,846,600. As noted above, Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the '600 patent. As such, it is respectfully submitted that this grounds of rejection has been addressed and should now be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

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